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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 114641

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: WHO, IS, XF

SUBJECT: WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY - MIDDLE EAST ISSUE (AGENDA
ITEM 3.10)

REF: GENEVA 6677 (NOTAL), GENEVA 6416 (NOTAL)

1. ISRAEL HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE OUTLOOK FOR AN
ACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION OF THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY (WHA)
DEBATE ON THE MIDDLE EAST ISSUE DURING UPCOMING SESSION
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INDONESIA, ROMANIA) APPOINTED BY WHA IN 1974 TO LOOK INTO
HEALTH CONDITIONS OF ARAB POPULATION IN THOSE TERRITORIES
AND REPORT BACK. WITH ARAB LEADERSHIP, G-77 EASILY STEAM-
ROLLED THE 1977 RESOLUTION THROUGH WHA: 66-23(US)-16. IN

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3. FOR ACTION ADDRESSEES: YOU SHOULD MAKE A PRESENTATION
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TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE OF THE OPENING OF THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY ON MAY 8 TO ENSURE THAT HOST GOVERNMENT'S DELEGATION WILL BE SATISFACTORILY BRIEFED ON OUR POSITION. IN MAKING PRESENTATION, YOU SHOULD DRAW UPON FOREGOING BACKGROUND AND ADD FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. WHILE WE DO NOT YET HAVE THE TEXT OF THE EXPERT COMMITTEE'S REPORT, OUR PRELIMINARY INFORMATION IS THAT THE REPORT IS NOT "POLITICAL" BUT, RATHER, IS ONE WHICH IS FULLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANDATE GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE IN 1973. MOREOVER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT NO SIGNIFICANT RESTRICTIONS WERE PLACED BY ISRAEL ON THE COMMITTEE'S TRAVELS AND INQUIRIES.

B. UNDER ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES, WE WOULD EXPECT THAT THE WHA WOULD ACCEPT THE REPORT AND THAT THE ISSUE WOULD THEREAFTER BE REMOVED FROM THE WHA AGENDA. HOWEVER, BASED UPON EVENTS IN THE 1977 WHA, WE MUST EXPECT THAT ARAB GOVERNMENTS, AND ESPECIALLY THE MORE RADICAL OF THOSE GOVERNMENTS, WILL SEEK TO INTRODUCE PROVOCATIVE POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS INTO ANY RESOLUTION OFFERED IN RESPONSE TO THE REPORT.

C. THE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE WHO OF SUCH POLITICALLY MOTIVATED ACTIONS COULD BE QUITE SERIOUS AND CERTAINLY WOULD BE SOMETHING WHICH WE WOULD WISH TO AVOID, IF POSSIBLE, AND OPPOSE IF NECESSARY.

D. AT THIS POINT, IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY HARD EVIDENCE OF ARAB INTENTIONS, WE DO NOT PROPOSE TO OUR FRIENDS THAT ANY SPECIFIC ACTION BE TAKEN. WE WISH, RATHER, TO CITE THE POTENTIAL PROBLEM, TO SUGGEST THAT THEY BE ALERT TO ANY
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OPPORTUNITY TO DISCOURAGE POLITICIZATION OF THE REPORT'S HANDLING BY THE WHA, AND TO SUGGEST THAT WE CONSULT CLOSELY ON THE ISSUE AT THE WHA AFTER THE TEXT OF THE REPORT IS IN HAND.

4. FOR TEL AVIV: YOU SHOULD BRIEF ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTRY OF APPROACHES WE ARE TAKING. CHRISTOPHER

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PASS AMBASSADOR IRVING FOR GEORGE DALLEY

FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 114641 ACTION DAKAR, LAGOS, KINSHASA, NAIROBI, MEXICO, BRASILIA, NEW DELHI, CARACAS, MANILA, JAKARTA, OTTAWA, COPENHAGEN, HELSINKI, PARIS, BONN, LONDON, ROME, THE HAGUE, OSLO, STOCKHOLM, BERN, ROME, AND TEL AVIV INFO USUN NEW YORK, GENEVA, JERUSALEM, CAIRO, ABU DHABI, ALGIERS, AMMAN, BEIRUT, DAMASCUS, DOHA, JIDDA, KUWAIT, MUSCAT, RABAT, SANA, TRIPOLI, AND TUNIS DATED MAY5, 1978.

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